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Subject  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Time-Critical Removal Action – Former Plainwell Impoundment  
Monthly Report (July 2009)

Date  
August 14, 2009

Dear Mike:

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Attached is the 29<sup>th</sup> monthly progress report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA). This progress report is submitted in accordance with Section 19A of the February 2007 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-07-C-863). On August 5, 2009, the United States Protection Agency determined that this would be the final Former Plainwell Impoundment TCRA Monthly Report. Future updates on the project will be included in the Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area TCRA monthly report.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE ALLIED PAPER, INC./PORTAGE CREEK/  
KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE  
TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION – FORMER PLAINWELL IMPOUNDMENT**

**REPORT #29, JULY 2009**

**PREPARED BY ARCADIS  
AUGUST 14, 2009**

**ON BEHALF OF THE KALAMAZOO RIVER STUDY GROUP**

**SUBMITTED TO**

**MICHAEL RIBORDY, ON-SCENE COORDINATOR  
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**Monthly Report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/  
Kalamazoo River Superfund Site TCRA – Former Plainwell Impoundment**

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**Significant Developments and Activities During the Period**

- On July 1, the KRSG submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) notification that the water treatment systems have been removed and that Substantive Requirements Document MIU990025 can be terminated
- On July 7, the KRSG and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) discussed a plan to control vehicular access to the former Plainwell Dam area.
- On July 7, the KRSG submitted an inquiry to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the cessation of monthly reports for the Former Plainwell Impoundment TCRA.
- On July 8 and 22, USEPA submitted to the KRSG information about a mussel relocation performed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) downstream of the former Plainwell Dam.
- On July 14, USEPA submitted to the KRSG copies of the slides used for a presentation during the USEPA-hosted Public Open House about the Former Plainwell Impoundment TCRA.
- On July 15, the KRSG submitted to USEPA the 28<sup>th</sup> *Monthly Report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site TCRA* for June 2009.
- On July 15, the KRSG submitted information describing the selection process for removal area grid corner coordinates to the Superfund Technical Assessment & Response Team (START) contractor for USEPA.
- On July 16, the KRSG submitted copies of the June 2008 waste manifests to the START contractor for USEPA
- On July 21, the KRSG submitted to USEPA photographs of a remnant structure that appeared upstream of the former Plainwell Dam as the water level in the Kalamazoo River dropped. The structure is located outside of the TCRA removal areas.
- On July 29, USEPA submitted information collected by the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council during the "Kanoë'd the Kazoo" event to KRSG regarding a metal post visible in the river near the Meijer storm sewer outfall. The post will be removed during the week of August 3.

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**Data Collected and Field Activities Conducted During the Period**

- No data were collected and no field activities were performed in July.

**Laboratory Data Received During the Period**

- No laboratory data were received in July
- The KRSG is not currently awaiting any analytical data

**Issues Encountered and Actions Taken**

- None

**Developments Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- During the week of August 17, the KRSG is scheduled to address the unstable bank condition near the underground utility lines located near Removal Areas 10 and 11.
- In August, the KRSG is scheduled to discuss with USEPA and MDNR, a plan to address the eroded bank areas in Removal Areas 8 and 9.
- No other activities are scheduled for August.